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COASTAL POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is exploring setting up of coastal power projects in South as reported in the Business Line dated April 14, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : The news item in the Business Line dated April 14, 2007 pertains to proposal for setting up of Nuclear Power Project by NTPC Ltd. NTPC Ltd.`s Corporate Plan for the period 2002-17 envisages taking up 2000 MW of nuclear capacity in joint venture during the 12th Plan period. As such NTPC Ltd. is currently in the process of selection of optimal technology and identification of potential site(s) for setting up of first nuclear project.

However, NTPC Ltd. envisages following coastal power projects in Southern India for benefits during XI/XII Plan:

Project	Status
Simhadri Thermal Power Project, St. II (2x500 MW), Andhra Pradesh	Under implementation.
Ennore Thermal Power Project (2x500 MW), joint venture withTamil Nadu Electricity Board, Tamil Nadu	Feasibility Report finalised. Clearances/approvals in process
Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Project, Stage II (1950 MW), Kerala	Feasibility Report prepared.Fuel to be tied up.

Further, two potential sites, one near village Cheyyur, District Kanchipuram and second near village Marakkanam, district Villupuram have been identified in Tamil Nadu for setting up coal based thermal power projects. Site specific studies/investigations for these projects will be initiated after tie up for basic inputs (land availability) for the proposed power projects.